REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the patent application. The Examiner has objected to the Specification for lack of recommended line numbering. Applicants' attorney is not able to provide a new version at this time, but will request a soft copy to be edited and sent to the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 7 and 8 under 35 USC 112 as omnibus type claims. In response, Applicants have amended Claims 7 and 8, as well as claim 6, to expressly recite the method steps from Claim 1. Should any additional filing fee be required, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0510.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-13 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Fiszman. The Fiszman patent is directed to a system and method for generic process automation. With reference to Fig. 3, Fiszman provides an engine component 10 associated with a plurality of processing nodes 18. Requests from users 86 at workstations 88 are received at the engine component 10, are scheduled by scheduler 74, and the request and the necessary software, retrieved from repository 82, are sent for processing to nodes 18 based on resource allocation performed by allocator 78 (see: Col. 9,

lines 9-39 and Col. 11, lines 37-51. Fiszman handles each request individually. Applicants respectfully assert that the Fiszman patent does not anticipate or obviate the invention as claimed.

The present invention teaches and claims a method and system for performing a method for supporting automated management of supporter-owned resources in a system having at least one repository and a resource managing program means, comprising the steps of placing all requests in a repository comprising requests and request attributes, wherein each request defines an action to be performed, or a desired state to be achieved, the state being associated with a respective one of said resources; accessing requests by a request scheduler and reorganizing said requests into a chain of requests based on said request attributes; and invoking resource managing program means for handling the chain of said requests (independent Claims 1 and 6-9, and all claims which depend therefrom). Applicants respectfully assert that the Fiszman patent does not teach placing all requests in a repository. Rather, Fiszman stores programs/executable software in repository 82. Fiszman does not store requests. Further, Fiszman provides no teachings of organizing requests into a chain of request based on request attributes. Rather, Fiszman handles each request

individually. Finally, Fiszman does not invoke one resource managing program for handling a chain of requests. Rather, Fiszman allocates resource to handle each scheduled request.
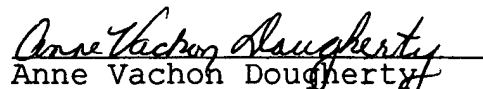
It is well established under U. S. Patent Law that, for a reference to anticipate claim language under 35 USC 102, that reference must teach each and every claim feature. Since the Fiszman patent does not teach steps or means for placing request in a repository, reorganizing requests into a chain of requests, and invoking a resource managing program for handling the chain of requests, it cannot be maintained that Fiszman anticipates the invention as set forth in independent Claims 1 and 6-9, or the claims which depend therefrom and add further limitations thereto.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the amended claim language in light of the remarks, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims.

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